



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION  
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Division of Commercial Licensing  
Real Estate Section

**NOTICE: CHANGE IN BROKER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**  
**Effective October 16, 2017**

**RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAW § 5-20.5-4(b) HAS BEEN AMENDED**

- A baccalaureate degree in Real Estate will no longer be accepted in lieu of the requirement of two years of experience as a salesperson.
- All candidates for a Broker's license must now have BOTH:
  - Two years of experience as a real estate salesperson, AND
  - Completed ninety (90) hours of approved classroom study.

**UPDATED REQUIREMENTS/APPLICATION FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS**

**The following Requirements apply to Rhode Island Residents and Non-residents.**

Candidates of legal age (18 years of age) applying for a Real Estate Broker's license must first contact **Pearson VUE** at (800) 274-8922 or by visiting their website at [www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com), to schedule an examination. The examination must be taken **before** submitting an application to the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation, Division of Commercial Licensing, Real Estate Section.

**Minimum requirements needed for consideration:**

- **Two-years of full time experience as a Salesperson**, validated by an affirmation letter from the employing broker, **AND**;
- **Completion of ninety (90) hours of approved classroom study** in a school as defined in § 5-20.5-19, or from a school or organization licensed by the Department. A list of approved schools can be found on the Department's website.  
(Please note: this educational requirement is in addition to the 45-hour sales pre-licensing classroom hours.)

**Upon successfully passing the examination, candidates must submit ALL the following:**

- The Original Test Score Report from Pearson VUE, both pages.
- A completed Real Estate Broker Application.
- A Criminal History Record (CHR) from the Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General's office. **Non-Residents** must also submit a CHR from their home state law enforcement agency.
- **Non-Residents** must file an irrevocable Power of Attorney Form for service of process.
- Evidence of successful completion of a three-hour course in Lead Poisoning/Lead Hazard Mitigation. (See Real Estate Pre-Licensing and Continuing Education Course List at [http://www.dbr.ri.gov/documents/divisions/commlicensing/realestate/RE-CE\\_Course\\_List.pdf](http://www.dbr.ri.gov/documents/divisions/commlicensing/realestate/RE-CE_Course_List.pdf).)

- Evidence of successful completion of three hours of New Agency Law, unless included in curriculum of either 45 or 90 hours of pre-licensing education.
- A Certificate of Errors and Omissions Insurance.
- A Tax Payer Status Affidavit / Identity Verification.

**Please submit TWO CHECKS with your application, as follows:**

- **For licenses issued on or after May 1 of odd-numbered years:**
  - \$95.00, payable to the “Rhode Island General Treasurer,” AND,
  - \$25.00 payable to the “Real Estate Recovery Account.”
- **For licenses issued on or after May 1 of even-numbered years:**
  - \$180.00, payable to the “Rhode Island General Treasurer”, AND
  - \$25.00 payable to the “Real Estate Recovery Account.”